

## Lake Michigan P.O.W.E.R. Coalition Comment to Committee

Lake Michigan P.O.W.E.R. Coalition, representing thousands of citizens, residents and business owners, is committed to protecting Lake Michigan, one of our state and nation's greatest natural resources. We are concerned with the siting and development of offshore wind that could adversely impact Lake Michigan's waters, regional economy, shoreline ecosystem, and quality of life. We appreciate the opportunity to raise issues of concern to P.O.W.E.R. during last summer's work sessions lead by Representatives Scripps and Mayes and Senators Birkholtz and Van Woerkom.

In the November 18 communication from Representative Scripps and Senator Birkholz to the workgroup members, offshore wind is described as "complex" and acknowledges that the bill is "not a complete or finished product". We agree. While the bill acknowledges the need for a buffer, other issues previously raised by P.O.W.E.R. need full discussion.

Lake Michigan P.O.W.E.R. Coalition does not think there is adequate time in this legislative session to satisfactorily resolve the difficult and conflicting environmental, economic and power generation issues that are involved in establishing a legislative framework for permitting of offshore wind turbines.

The Coalition continues to be committed to working with legislators and interested parties in a solution that will work for all involved.

Thank you for considering the Coalition's views and the views of your constituents.

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